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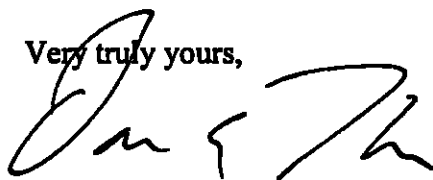
The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Office of the Secretary
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**Re: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation –
Control – EJ&E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)**

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are letters by Chicago Alderman Toni Preckwinkle; Indiana Chamber of Commerce; and Patterson-Stevens, Inc. in support of the proposed acquisition of control of EJ&E West Company by Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation. Please note that Alderman Preckwinkle and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce also write in support of Applicants' Request for Time Limits for NEPA Review and Final Decision (CN-33, filed May 13, 2008). We understand the signed originals are being mailed directly to the Board.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

cc: All parties of record



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June 11, 2008

Ms. Anne K. Quinlan Esq
Acting Secretary
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Re Finance Docket no 35087

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

As an Alderman for the City of Chicago, I am writing to express my support for a fair and timely review of Canadian National Railroad's proposed acquisition of the Ligin Joliet & Eastern Railway. I also encourage the U.S. Surface Transportation Board to strongly consider CN's timeline request for completion of the environmental impact study by November.

The protracted delays in completing the EIS are detrimental to the environmental and economic benefits that are expected to come from this acquisition. As a fifth term alderman, I understand all too well the negative impact of freight train congestion in Chicago. Many south side communities have borne the brunt of pollution, traffic delays and safety concerns created by freight congestion.

While my primary focus may be on the positive impact of fewer trains in the communities I serve, I fully recognize that the entire region and nation will benefit from the smoother flow and expedited transport of freight through the Midwest. It is the bigger picture of improved freight transportation that must ultimately lead to the approval of the EJ&E acquisition.

It's important to point out that the EJ&E transaction is significantly smaller and involves far fewer parties than the last EIS prepared for a rail transaction, which took 11 months. Timely completion of the EIS should clear the way for the approval process to finish by December. The transaction's overall benefits cannot come soon enough for my community and for the region.

Sincerely,

Toni Preckwinkle
Alderman, 4th Ward

Kevin M. Brinegar
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**RE: Finance Docket No. 35087 – *Canadian National Railway Company and
Grand Trunk Corporation – Control – EJ&E West Company***

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I wrote to you a few months ago expressing the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's support for Canadian National Railway Company's acquisition of most of the assets of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern (EJ&E) Railway. The Indiana Chamber supports this transaction for all of the economic, environmental, safety and congestion relief benefits it will bring to our state.

Further, we support the Surface Transportation Board (STB) discharging its duties and conducting a thorough examination of this transaction. However, we are concerned that no time limit has been placed on the STB's examination, specifically the environmental review process, and encourage a timely review and decision.

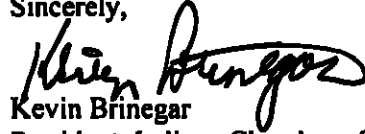
The Indiana Chamber represent thousands of companies and small businesses that make proposals, solicit bids, advertise positions, embark on projects, and engage in mergers and acquisitions after periods of due diligence. Very few of these business actions are conducted without working timelines or explicit deadlines. One can imagine how difficult it would be to plan or arrange for financing in such a climate of uncertainty.

To leave the environmental review process completely open-ended, or to establish an unreasonably extended deadline on what the STB itself determined to be a "minor transaction", would create a situation in which the bureaucratic process could drive the outcome, rather than the merits of the transaction itself. It is unfair to the parties to the transaction and this kind of precedent would be especially devastating to the numerous smaller regional and short-line railroads in Indiana that lack the resources to endure such a process. The result would be lost economic opportunities, lost efficiencies and, ultimately, lost rail service to our state.

Again, the Indiana Chamber supports the STB thoroughly examining issues of concern to affected communities within a reasonable timeframe. We urge the STB to establish a reasonable deadline in which to conclude its review.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Brinegar", written over the printed name.

Kevin Brinegar
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Reference: CN Railway Acquisition of EJ&E, STB Docket Number 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I support the acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway in Illinois by the CN. It is acquisitions like this that add synergy to the rail system and help reduce choke points that affect my clients in New York.

As a railroad contractor I employ 40 people during the construction season and any proposal that makes rail more efficient helps my clients and, in turn, helps my firm.

Again, this acquisition improves rail service and decongests one of the biggest choke points in the rail system.

Please support CN Rail. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

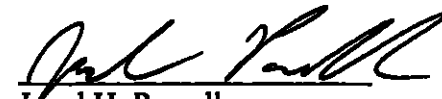
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R. Charles Patterson
President

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this 17th day of June, 2008, served copies of the foregoing letter, transmitting support letters from Chicago Alderman Toni Preckwinkle; Indiana Chamber of Commerce; and Patterson-Stevens, Inc., upon all known parties of record in this proceeding by first-class mail or a more expeditious method.


Jared H. Powell